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Question: *“My mother filed an immigrant petition for me and my family. We just had our interview at the U.S. Embassy and the visas were approved. I’m about seven months pregnant, and I would rather not travel until after my baby is born. What are my options? ”*

If you are a pregnant woman coming for an immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy, it is important to disclose this information to the medical doctor during your required medical exam, and to the interviewing Consular Officer. The officer will be able to give you the best options for you to travel with your baby, depending on the child’s due date. If your visa is approved and you migrate to the U.S. and give birth to your child there, the child will automatically become a U.S. Citizen. If you are closer to your due date and cannot travel, however, you will still be able to take the child to the U.S. without adding him or her to the filing.

If you have been issued an immigrant visa and your child is born *after* the visa issue date but *before* the visa expires, the baby is not required to have a separate immigrant visa of its own. Your child must have a valid passport from his or her country of nationality, and the birth certificate stating you are the parent. You can take your child with you when you migrate to the U.S., and present these documents at the port of entry with the rest of your family’s immigration packets.

If you have recently given birth to a child but have not yet had your interview at the Embassy, your baby will need to be added to the current petition in order for him or her to travel with you and immigrate to the U.S. You will also need to bring documents for the child, such as the completed DS-230 application form, birth certificate, and medical exam, to the visa interview.

For more information on immigrant visas and contacting the U.S. Embassy’s immigrant visa section, please visit our website at http://kingston.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.